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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>			
SUBJECT Report of an American seen at INTA		(Interviewer) FRANCIS, Milton (FN)	(Editor) Schulein
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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

I. PREAMBLE: SOURCE was interned in forced labor camp # 6, which was located two (2) to three (3) km NW of INTA (approximate coordinates 6605N/6000E), from Jun 48 until May 50. He was employed as a coal miner in mine # 12. SOURCE was on good terms with the American in question, and spoke some English as taught in German schools.

II. REPORT OF AN AMERICAN SEEN AT INTA. This Americans last name was PLEASANT. ERICH was either his real first name or a nickname given to him by German fellow-prisoners. The following personal description was obtained: height 168 to 170 cm, weight sixty-five (65) to seventy (70) kg, light tan complexion, square and power figure although skinny like all other prisoners, appeared to be of an atheletic type, such as a wrestler or boxer, had a round face, probably gray eyes, color of hair unknown because it was always closely cropped, might have had spectacles, spoke American English fluently, Russian fair and a little German. He walked with a sailor's gait. PLEASANT also claimed to have been in "the air force", unknown if it was the American or the Royal Air Force, when speaking to a few trustworthy fellow-prisoners, including SOURCE. PLEASANT must have been in this area since 1946, according to his knowledge of the activities at the mine and the nearby camp. He was employed as a coal miner in mine # 12, and refused to accept a job as brigadier offered to him by the Russians in that mine. PLEASANT always proved to be a good companion to fellow-prisoners who were of various nationalities. He had been sentenced to twenty-five (25) years of forced labor on the charge of espionage, and of other offenses unknown to SOURCE, by an unknown Soviet court. Some German fellow-prisoners told SOURCE that ERICH PLEASANT had been a member of some unknown Western mission to MOSKVA (5545N/3735E) before his arrest; the source of this statement was unknown. PLEASANT was taken to an unknown destination by two (2) guards one night in April or May 1950. SOURCE never heard of him again.

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